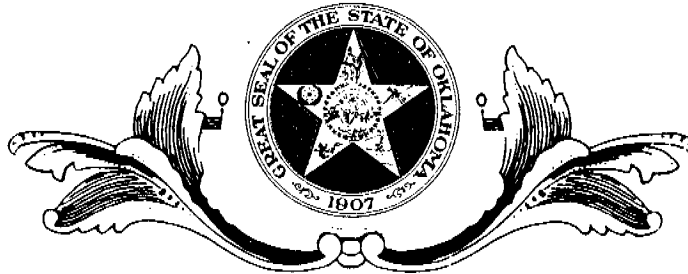


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OKLAHOMA SECRETARY
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Proclamation

Whereas, the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Education have declared November 16 – 20, 2009 as International Education Week in observance of the many important contributions of international education to our nation's peace and prosperity; and

Whereas, international education and exchange include thousands of programs, public and private, campus-based and national, that promote the sharing of ideas and experiences across borders. These include study abroad programs, citizen and scholarly exchanges, foreign students on U.S. campuses, area and foreign language studies, and global approaches to U.S. education; and

Whereas, by participating in such programs, our young people develop a greater appreciation and respect for other people and their cultures and are more prepared for a global environment; and

Whereas, we live in an increasingly interconnected world and improving global literacy among our citizens contributes significantly to our nation's foreign policy, economic competitiveness and national security; and

Whereas, through international education, the United States can establish a foundation for dialogue and partnership with the rest of the world and create the conditions for lasting global peace, security, and well-being; and

Whereas, I call upon the citizens and institutions of this state to participate in celebrating this week and to recognize the importance of international education in our lives and communities;

Now, therefore, I, Brad Henry, Governor of the State of Oklahoma, do hereby proclaim November 16 – 20, 2009, as

“International Education Week”

in the State of Oklahoma.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Oklahoma to be affixed.



Done at the Capitol, in the City of Oklahoma City, this tenth day of November, in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and nine, and of the State of Oklahoma in the one hundred first year.

Brad Henry

M. Susan Luvette

SECRETARY OF STATE

GOVERNOR

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